

## ABOUT THE STATE

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS

From a bazaar held three days last week in Bellows Falls the Catholic church of that place realized \$3,113.

A scrap over who should pay for a keg of beer sent Magro Mariano to the Rutland police station Saturday night, with many cuts and bruises, and caused the arrest later of Benedetto Farina.

Mrs. Harriet Pressey celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary the 21st of her home in North Thetford. She does her own work, attends day and evening church services and most of the local functions of the village.

The new fish hatchery at Bennington is now in operation, with 100,000 brook trout fry and 350,000 eggs rapidly approaching the hatching stage, and a consignment of 100,000 lake trout eggs will arrive from Roxbury this week.

Mrs. Sage, a West Fairlee woman, aged 86 years, fell on the ice recently and broke her hip. Mrs. Mary E. Childs, another West Fairlee woman, celebrated her 84th birthday last week. She does most of her own housework.

Miss Helen Conway was badly scalded at her home in Orwell recently when, as she was carrying a kettle of boiling water, she slipped and fell backwards and the contents of the kettle struck her in the face.

William Lawrence Gardner, otherwise known as "Larry," a member of the Boston American baseball team and whose home is in Enosburg Falls, is to be married Wednesday in Winthrop, Mass., at the home of the bride, Miss Margaret Forney.

"Grandma" Fletcher observed her 90th birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Noble, in Hardwick Jan. 29. She reads extensively and is very keen for one of her age. Senator Carroll S. Page and ex-Congressman Frank Plimley were both among her pupils when she taught school in Hyde Park.

Winter sports in Burlington Saturday were much enjoyed by both participants and onlookers. There were snowshoe and ski races, a fancy skating contest and a general good time. Badges were awarded the winners, but no valuable prizes, as the object of the competition was only to arouse interest in outdoor sports.

In Rutland and vicinity robins have been frequently seen this winter and Judge Redfield of Hubbardston says one has been seen there through all the cold season. Twice last week one was seen in the same dooryard in Rutland, and a flock of half a dozen juncos seem to be wintering in Middlebury. This bird wintering in southern New England, but is unusual in central Vermont between late November and March.

## "Voluntary Compulsion"

A possibility which is looming out of the present confused railroad labor situation is that of voluntary compulsory arbitration. Such an idea sounds like a contradiction in terms, but it is merely an extension of the contract principle to differences liable to arise in the future in addition to those immediately up for settlement. It is not a theory, but has a good deal of successful experience behind it. Contracts for terms of years, covering not alone the wages, hours and other conditions at the moment, but providing that all similar questions during the life of the contract must be settled under some prescribed mode of procedure, have stood the test of a number of important trades, and have been renewed upon expiration.

It is perhaps more difficult to apply in the steam railroad world because of the magnitude of the interests involved on both sides, and the strong objection which has grown up to entrusting the decision of matters of such moment to outsiders having little or no practical knowledge of the situation. To meet this objection the plan of a joint commission has been proposed, made up of actual representatives of the roads and the men, in equal numbers, to be appointed by the president, and before whom all differences must come before radical action can be taken. This idea of the equally balanced commission is not a new one either; it is a common practice in England, and has been employed in many of the contracts of the geographical union in this country. It means that a case must be strong enough to convince one or more representatives of the opposite side before a decision or compromise can be reached. Meanwhile, matters must remain in status quo.

If Congress should put such a scheme into effect in the railroad situation, plus a compulsory feature, it would still not work out the strongest opposition of the brotherhoods. But suppose the roads and the men voluntarily strengthen the program by a contract between themselves to abide by the results of all decisions of such a commission, and that if no decision can be reached matters shall remain unchanged, without strike or lockout, until further deliberation does evolve a solution?

Immediately this suggests the probability of deadlock, but against that weakness stands always from henceforth the very present threat and possibility of compulsory legislation, as to which the brotherhoods of late have shown a real concern and wholesome dread quite in contrast with the all-conquering attitude of last August. President Lee of the trainmen has been quoted as of the opinion that if the men and the roads do not work out some plan of peace and preventing interruption of railroad service the public will. He is quite right. The compulsory investigation bill may not pass, but the likelihood of something of the sort will be present in the minds of all concerned from now on and act as a powerful encouragement to the reaching of settlements under some effective voluntary mode of procedure.

Such procedure at least avoids the unwelcome "outside men" and makes an unfair decision so improbable that both parties could well afford to pledge themselves in advance by contract to fight it out on this line or not to fight at all. No doubt the scheme would sometimes get a stiff test, indeed, but—there is the alternative in the background. That alternative is a new and continuing force in the situation, which did not exist a year ago, and may have the effect of making "voluntary compulsion" the least difficult way out of the dilemma.—Boston Herald.

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU ASSOCIATION.

Week Ending Jan. 27.

Meetings ..... 4  
Attendance ..... 94  
Farm visits ..... 8  
Office calls ..... 3  
Telephone calls ..... 10  
Letters written ..... 9  
Miles traveled by rail ..... 44  
Miles traveled by team ..... 63

Three of the meetings called for the purpose of extending the work of the county farm bureau were held this week at Waterbury Center, Duxbury and Marshfield. At Waterbury the forenoon session was taken up with a discussion of the organization of the milk producers from the standpoint of the Dairyman's league and also concerning the New England Milk Producers' association. These are two entirely separate organizations. The Dairyman's league operates in territory supplying the New York milk market. This league is controlled by a board of directors and operates as a corporation under the laws of New Jersey. It undertakes to sell the produce of its members, whether it be milk, cream or butter fat. So far its effect has been to compel the other milk dealers to pay the farmer a price for his product at least equal to the price paid by the corporation. The New England Milk Producers' association aims to become a similar organization, operating exclusively in New England. This concerns more particularly the territory supplying the Boston market. The N. E. M. P. A. is at present occupied in strengthening its organization. A series of meetings are scheduled for Vermont during the week beginning Feb. 5 which will give every dairyman a chance to become a member. Every producer should join this organization. "United we stand, divided we fall." Remembering that, if you do not become a member and support the organization, you are hindering its possible success and preventing other farmers from making it of benefit.

The afternoon of the meeting at Waterbury Center was taken up with a talk by Mr. Moran on the value of cost testing associations and in keeping records of individual cows in the dairy. He spoke of herds in the first Addison county association that had improved in four years to the extent of over 1,000 pounds of milk per cow per year, due to the elimination of poor cows and raising heifers from the best cows. This could not have been done without records. There are 20,000 cows in Washington county. About 1,800 of these have records. When an owner has a record he knows what he has to sell and the purchaser knows what he is buying. It does not pay to "go it blind." Make some provision for keeping records of your individual cows. The county agent will help you out.

Time was taken by the county agent to explain by means of charts the work of the Washington County Farm Bureau, what it has accomplished during the past year and the plans for 1917: 200 acres of soy beans planted in the corn, valued at \$3,600, were grown by farmers; 200 acres of corn were allowed to mature before ensiling, with a net gain of \$6,000 to 24 farmers who had paid attention to the explanation; the demonstration of how the value of the corn crop increases with its maturity. These are direct results accomplished by the bureau in its campaign of education and co-operation. The indirect results of the facts set forth at the meetings and demonstrations and in circular and personal letters cannot be measured. That the work is meeting with favor is indicated by the large number of farmers who are adopting more progressive methods and by the steadily increasing membership of the bureau. Plans for 1917 include more crop demonstrations along the lines of corn varieties, soy beans and alfalfa and a good deal of time will be spent in efforts to improve the dairies by forming cow test associations.

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tions and encouraging farmers to keep records of their business.

The meetings at Duxbury and Marshfield were along similar lines and are sure to be productive of more interest in better agriculture. Meetings are scheduled for this week at North Calais on Wednesday and at Waterville on Saturday afternoon. Particular attention will be paid at these meetings to crops and feeds.

F. H. Abbott,  
County Agent.

## ORANGE COUNTY FARMERS' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

Notes for Week Ending Jan. 27.

If you have not already done so, this is a good time to get together a co-operative order for farm seeds. This order can then be submitted to your local dealer and to several of the reliable farm papers for prices and samples. The one which will offer you the best prices and quality is the one to buy from. Remember in comparing prices that you want to compare on a basis of delivery to your town and in packages. Some firms give seemingly lower prices when in reality they would be higher owing to you having to buy bags and ship a long distance.

The seed situation is not bad this year. Alfalfa seed will be cheaper than a year ago. Clover seed will be about the same as last year and timothy will be cheaper and probably of better quality. Other grass seeds are of good quality this year. Seed oats and barley will probably be higher in most cases, owing to national shortage of crop. Corn needs to be bought carefully, as only in certain sections did it mature properly. Eastern grown seed would have the preference. Potato seed also will be very high owing to shortage. Local seed is to be preferred when of reasonable quality. It is not a good year to try out new varieties.

Remember that prices on every commodity are high, so that when prices are the same as last year in reality they are lower.

In buying seeds remember that inferior seeds are never a bargain. Our farms have enough weeds now without buying seed of new varieties. It pays to see samples before buying and look those samples over carefully. Not only look for weed seeds and dirt but also small, ill-formed and immature seed. The county agent will be glad to look over samples any time. Look over Vermont bulletin 200 and see what reputation the seed firm your dealer buys his seed from has. Remember also that the early order is the one which usually brings the best quality. When stock is running low some firms buy in lower quality seed to fill the orders rather than turn them down.

The week of Feb. 5-12 is a big week in Corinth, when the extension school comes to town.

Summary for week ending Jan. 27:  
Days in office ..... 4.5  
Days in field ..... 1.5  
Meetings held ..... 2  
Attendance ..... 45  
Telephone calls ..... 34  
Letters written ..... 84  
Miles traveled ..... 41

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